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Bartholomew, already reviewed in the BULLETIN (Feb., 1905, p. 113), take their place with the sheet in the Ninth edition of Stieler's Hand Atlas as the best maps yet made of Arabia.

Abessinien und die Evangelische Kirche. Von Carl Paul. (Second Edition.) x and 148 pp. C. Ludwig Ungelenk, Dresden-A and Leipzig, 1905. (Price, M. 1.50).

This is No. 5 of the series entitled "Missionsstunden." The writer gives a chapter to the Abyssinians and their country, describes the Abyssinian Church (Coptic), "a Christian rock island in the midst of Islam, but spiritually palsied," tells the history of the evangelical missions and their progress, sketches the black Jews and their Jewish missions, and reports on the latest missionary undertakings.

London and its Environs. Handbook for Travellers. By Karl Baedeker. x and 471 pp., with index of streets and plans of London, 44 pp., 4 maps, and 24 plans. Fourteenth Revised Edition. Karl Baedeker, Leipzig, 1905.

This edition contains the most recent information down to October, 1904. Especial attention has been given to the description of the great public collections, such as those in the National Gallery, the British Museum, the Wallace Collections, the National Portrait Gallery, the Tate Gallery, and the South Kensington Museum.

Russia, the Land of the White Czar. By E. C. Phillips (Mrs. Horace B. Looker). viii and 186 pp., and 51 illustrations. Cassell & Co., Limited, New York and London, 1904.

A book written for young folks with the purpose of giving them entertaining information about the Russian Empire. Two boys and their families figure prominently, the idea being, apparently, that they will lend variety and animation to these comprehensive sketches, which take in the wonders of St. Petersburg and Moscow, the Samoyeds and their reindeer, prison life in Siberia, the Nizhni-Novgorod Fair, and many other aspects of the Empire. Some of the pictures are typical of high and humble life in Russia.

The Climate of Australasia in reference to its Control by the Southern Ocean. By Prof. J. W. Gregory, D.Sc., F.R.S. 96 pp., 18 Maps and Diagrams and 3 Appendices. Whitcombe & Tombs, Melbourne. (No date.) (Price, 1s.)

The Presidential Address delivered by Dr. Gregory before the geographical section of the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science on January 11, 1904. In this suggestive monograph Dr. Gregory treats chiefly of the "influence of the oceanic circulation as its effects may be traced directly in the land masses of the southern hemisphere." He does not agree with the meteorologists who regard seasonal weather predictions as an unattainable vision. He cites the Indian Meteorological Department, which "has issued seasonal forecasts for the last fifteen years—and with brilliant success":

Fortunately for Australasia, our meteorological conditions are far simpler than those of Europe, so that we may expect much greater certainty in weather prediction. I see no impossibility in future Australian meteorologists foretelling correctly a year ahead the general nature of the approaching seasons. But such insight will never come to us until we have done our part, and studied the hydrography of the Southern Ocean, with the same methods which have yielded such profitable results in the North Atlantic, and to India.